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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2588

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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT:

ARRIVAL OF PATHET LAO CONTINGENT

REF: FBIS BANGKOK 010305Z APRIL 74

1. REFERENCE IS VIENTIANE AFP ITEM ASSERTING THAT LPF CHAIRMAN SOUPHANOUVONG LEFT SAM NEUA FOR VIENTIANE BY WAY OF HANOI MARCH 31, REPORTEDLY TRAVELING BY ROAD FROM SAM NEUA TO HANOI.

2. FBIS BANGKOK HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT RADIO PATHET LAO CONFIRMED FOREGOING AT 1045 LOCAL THIS MORNING.

3. PRESS ATTACHE CALLED AFP REPORTER CASAUX THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON HIS STORY. CASAUX SAID HE HAD JUST TALKED TO LPF DELEGATION CHAIRMAN SOTH PHETRASY THIS MORNING, WHO GAVE HIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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A) THE COMPLETE LPF MEMBERSHIP IN CABINET AND
JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC) LEFT SAM NEUA APRIL
1 FOR HANOI, FOLLOWING SOUPHANOUVONG'S DEPARTURE YESTERDAY.

B) ENTIRE CONTINGENT SLATED TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.

C) PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA AND SOUPHANOUVONG
ARE EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO LUANG PRABANG THURSDAY,
APRIL 4, TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON KING. CABINET AND
JNPC CONTINGENT EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THEM.

D) THE INVESTITURE COULD THEORETICALLY OCCUR
ON AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, APRIL 4; HOWEVER, THIS WILL
DEPEND ON THE KING. SINCE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET
AND JNPC TOTALS ALMOST 75 PERSONS, THERE COULD BE
SEPARATE AUDIENCES FOR INVESTITURE OF EACH BODY.

4. LPF PLENIPOTENTIARY PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TOLD PRESS
THIS MORNING HE IS SEEING SOUVANNA AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON
AND "THERE ARE NOW NO OBSTACLES TO FORMATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT."
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